

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1126

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cleary/Gibson Barn B

## 2. Location

street & number Lower Marlboro Rd. and Stephen Reid Rds. ☐ not for publicationcity, town Huntingtown P.O. ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

## 3. Classification

|   |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Category</b>                                 | <b>Ownership</b>                            | <b>Status</b>                                       | <b>Present Use</b>                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> park                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress           | <input type="checkbox"/> educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                   | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government    | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific                |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered   | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable     | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage |

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frank Cleary

street &amp; number telephone no.: 257-9490

city, town Lower Marlboro state and zip code MD 20639

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. CT-1126

### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered

☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

## 8. Significance

Survey No.

CT-1126

| Period                                    | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric      | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attachment.



## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1126

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The barn is divided into six eight foot bays. Two sets of twelve foot wide double doors are centered on the gable ends, thereby creating an aisle plan barn. Continuous cinder block foundations support the barn on the north and south sides. The frame is circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. Plain vertical wall siding with eleven hinged ventilation doors on both the north and south sides covers the exterior. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. There are windbraces on all four diagonals. In addition to the windbraces, three collars and king posts help support the roof. Tier poles are circular sawn and separated by forty-one inches vertical distance. Poles down the center are two timbers joined by blocks that have been inserted between. The tier poles are then laid on top of these blocks. The central posts rest on a continuous sill which is raised on cinder blocks.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1126

This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. It is a typical representative of the standard mid-late twentieth century tobacco barn. All of the materials and techniques are consistent with this date. In addition, the strictly linear aisle plan is typical, as is the extensive control of ventilation, by means of closed-off sills and hinged ventilation doors. The barn is also interesting because of its location immediately adjacent (with less than fifteen feet between) to another tobacco barn.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

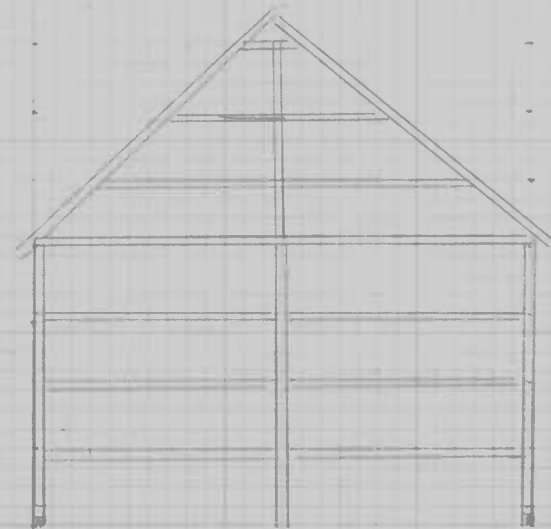
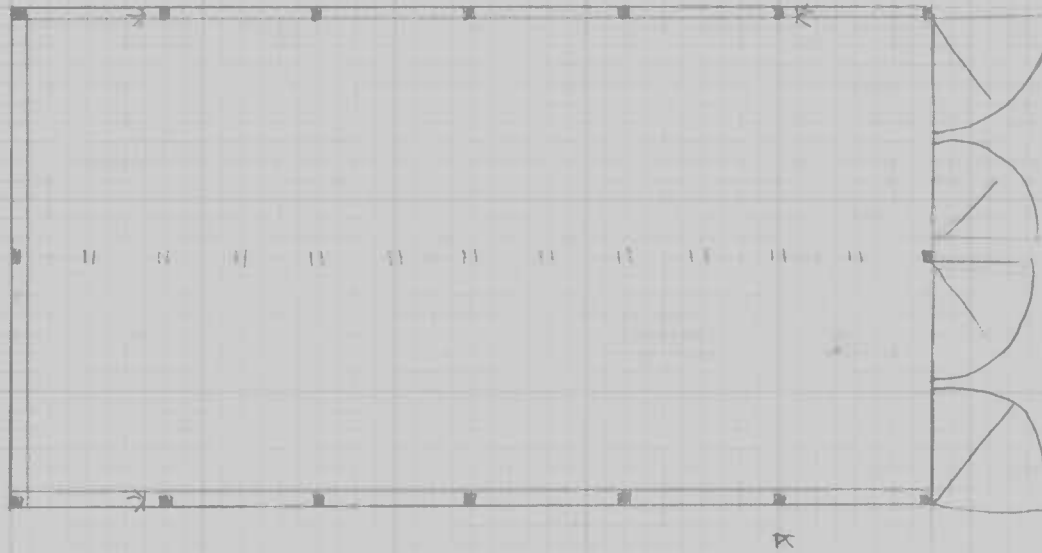
Historical Period theme(s): ca. 1950-; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1950-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

It is unknown exactly what date this barn was built. The materials and techniques used are consistent with the twentieth century, and the lack of mortise and tenon joints or other time-consuming carpentry probably date it to the latter half of this century. Ms. Paula Mask recalls aiding in the harvest of vegetables on the farm approximately ten years ago. She states that, at that time, tobacco was still grown on the farm. The farm has passed from the original owners, the Gibsons, to the Cleary family, and tobacco is no longer grown. The barn appears to be used solely for storage.

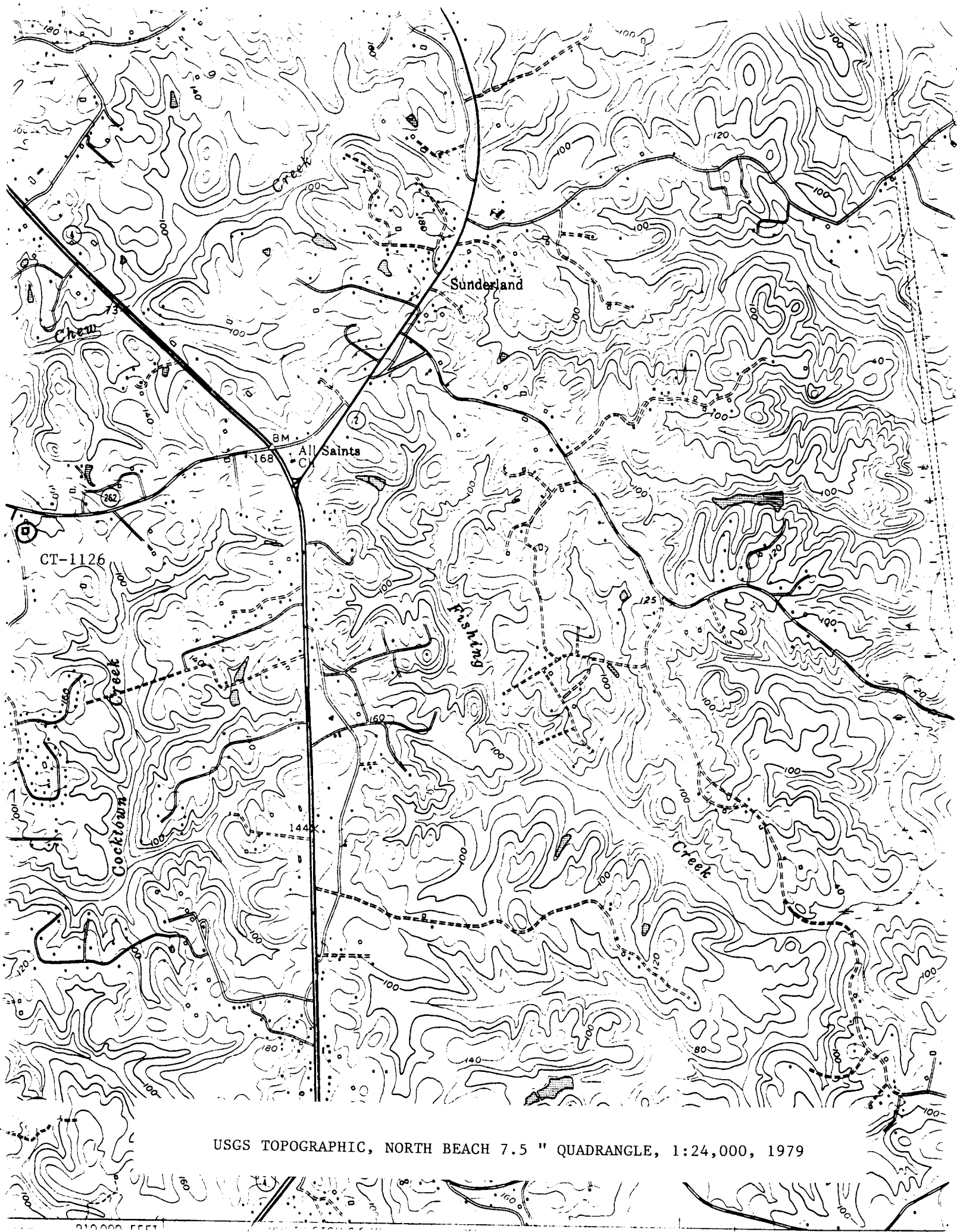
#2099 - 5/14/90 - Mr. Cleary, Huntingtown Rd. Huntingtown MD 20639. Rt. 4 south to 262 at Sunderland, 9/10 mile to barns on left at corner of Stephen Ried Road. Private ownership, occupied. PM and TW recorders. Sunny weather. Unaltered, original site, good condition. Continuous cinder block foundations on north and south sides. Frame circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. Plain vertical wall siding with eleven hinged ventilation doors on both north and south sides. Standing seam metal roof. Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Windbraces on all four diagonals, three collars. Posts are toe-nailed to plate. Tier poles are circular sawn and separated by forty-one inches vertical distance. Poles down the center are two timbers joined by blocks. They rest on a continuous sill which is raised on cinder blocks. King posts help support the roof also.



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BARN #2099 CLEARY / GIBSON'S BARN



Sections Looking West at A-A'



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, NORTH BEACH 7.5 " QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979



ET. 1136

CLEARY/GIBSON 'B'

LOWER MARLBORO

TORA L. WILLIAMS/

EAST

MAY, 1990